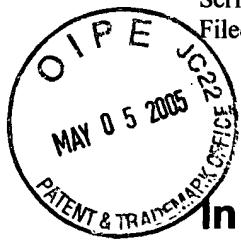


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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 01/04/2005 and the subsequent Telephone Interview held 05/02/2005, please consider the following amended claims and remarks: